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MEMORANDUM FOR: Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

SUBJECT: Satellite Reconnaissance of the USSR in Crisis Situations

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MEMORANDUM FOR: United States Intelligence Board

SUBJECT: Satellite Reconnaissance of the USSR in Crisis Situations

1. The rapid buildup of Soviet offensive capabilities in Cuba found the US without adequate provision for reconnaissance that would provide indications of Soviet intentions to react militarily to action taken by the US. When the presence of offensive missiles in Cuba was first confirmed during the week of 14 October, it was decided that satellite reconnaissance could help GAUGE THE SITUATION WITHIN THE USSR but that the earliest possible date for such reconnaissance was 2 November. This finding demonstrated that if satellite photography is determined to be an adequate device for reporting evidence of hostile intentions, provision must be made to have at least one on a standby.

2. Targets for an indications mission were selected during the week of 15 October by the COMOR Working Group and were reported in [redacted] 22 October 1962. [redacted]

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